



ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



Home For Everyone

Matthew 2:1-12

January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4th, 2026

10:30 am

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

(arr. By Mark Hayes)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

All: God, help us find your glory.

One: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

All: God, help us notice your glory.

One: We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

All: God, help us encounter your glory.

One: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

All: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

UMH 223

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 2:1-12](#) (NRSVUE)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON

“Home for Everyone”

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

You can give using your smartphone!

Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's.

Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Trey at 713-409-4618 or trey@stshtx.org

Our Communion offering for January will benefit Summer Camp Scholarships.

ANTHEM

"May My Light Shine"

Emily, Solo

(by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo)

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"A Communion Setting"

TFWS 2257

(By Mark Miller)

*COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 618

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

(arr. By Richard Blake)

***Please stand as you are able.**

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith we Sing

Senior Pastor: Rev. Trey Comstock

Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher

Accompanist: Dr. Andreea Mut

Song Leader: Emily Leffler

Liturgist: Dan Barcus



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January Communion Offering:
Summer Camp Scholarships



To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



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SURE LOOKS LIKE THE END TIMES
THURSDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
BEGINS 1/8

PARENTS RETURNS JAN 23

Night OUT

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 4
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

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St. Stephen's is a church with an exciting vision for loving God and our neighbors. If you want to learn more about our church, more about who Jesus is and why that matters, or just about anything else, Trey would love to meet with you! Call or text him at 713-409-4618 to make an appointment.

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